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TAGS: PDIP, SA, RO

SUBJ: SAUDI CONSIDERATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EAST  
EUROPEAN COMMUNIST STATES

REF: JIDDA 0111

1. DURING CONVERSATION JANUARY 5, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

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MANSOURI SAID THAT PRINCE SAUD HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM ON  
SEVERAL OCCASIONS RECENTLY THE POSSIBILITY OF DIPLOMATIC  
RECOGNITION OF SOME EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES, ESPECIALLY  
ROMANIA. MANSOURI EXPRESSED OPPOSITION, SAYING THAT IT WOULD  
PUT SAUDI ARABIA IN A DIFFICULT POSITION IN VIEW OF ITTS STATUS AS  
ISLAMIC LEADER AND ITS LONG-TIME OPPOSITION TO RELATIONS WITH  
THE COMMUNISTS. HE ADDED THAT THE IDEA WAS FAVORED BY SOME

YOUNGER MEN WHO ASK "WHY NOT?" WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT IS INVOLVED.

2. WHEN HE CONVERSED RECENTLY WITH SAUD ON THIS SUBJECT, MANSOURI AGAIN VOICED HIS OPPOSITION. SAUD DID NOT INDICATE AGREEMENT, BUT HE REQUESTED "AN EVALUATION" FROM MANSOURI OF THE EFFECT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD HAVE ON SAUDI ARABIA. THE EVALUATION THE DEPUTY MINISTER PRODUCES FOR HIS CHIEF IS UNLIKELY TO BE FAVORABLE, I WOULD GUESS, JUDGING FROM MANSOURI'S ATTITUDE. HE SAID THAT HE COULD RECALL NO BENEFITS RESULTING FROM SUCH RELATIONS, BUT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CASES WHERE THE RESULTS WERE CLEARLY HARMFUL. I COMMENTED THAT PERHAPS A REVIEW OF OTHERS' EXPERIENCES MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING HIS EVALUATION. HE NODDED AND SAID HE WOULD KEEP ME INFORMED. PORTER UNQTE KISSINGER

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